Letters

Assistance requested

Dear Sir

I am a native of Appomattox County and am a member of the Robert E. Lee Chapter #56 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy in Falls Church. I have written a book about the Confederate Ancestors of my chapter members which includes a biography of my maternal grandfather, Robert Alexander Cheatham, who lived near Spout Spring and served with the Second Virginia Cavalry during the War Between the States. A copy of this publication has been donated to the Appomattox County Library.

I am trying to document the Confederate Service of my paternal grandfather, Chapman Hunter Chilton, who taught school in the county for many years and served as Superintendent of Schools during the late 1800s. During the war he served as Captain of the Appomattox Home Guards, a group of men who were exempt from military duty and operated as county guards and police during the war years, including arresting army deserters. The home guard company was raised by voluntary enlistment and consisted largely of persons who were over or under military age. They received no pay and were required to furnish their own weapons, but were furnished rations when in service and such ammunition as they might require.

Captain Chilton was not eligible for regular service due to a boyhood leg injury which forced him to walk with a cane. He is referred to as Captain Chilton several times in a history of the public shcools of Appomattox County written by Rev. J. B. Bristow in 1885, but no record has been found in writing that documents his service with the Home Guards. The legend is that this group was called out to defend the High Bridge at Farmville during Lee's retreat from Richmond.

Anyone having information which mentions this group such as letters, reports, newspaper clippings, or anyone who remembers hearing about their activities, please share this data with me. This information can be given to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jamerson of the Appomattox Historical Society, or mailed to me in Falls Church.

I plan to write an article for the Appomatox Times-Virginian about the Appomattox Home Guards, including their membership, their contribution to the Confederacy, and the names of any descendants living in the community.

Miss Harriett Chilton
3108 Annandale Road
Falls Church, Va. 22042

Kids cook beaver homes

Students in Miss Bradley's level 15 reading group had the experience of cooking beaver houses.

Students read and studied how beavers protect themselves and live.

Cooking beaver houses contained a recipe for baking cookies that look like beaver houses. The story illustrates the importance of careful reading to follow a sequence of ideas.

After completing the task of cooking the beaver houses one student remarked, "They look just like beaver houses."

G.O.P. holds mass meeting

A Mass meeting of the Appomattox County Republican Party was held at the Court House beginning at 10:00 a.m. on April 17, 1982.

Elected as Delegates to the State Republican Convention to be held at the Hotel John Marshall in Richmond, Virginia, on June 4 and 5, 1982, were Mr. Robert W. Carter, Mrs. Terrie Conrad, Mrs. Mary Anne Freshwater, Mrs. Janice Marston, Mr. R. Clayton Martin, Mrs. Alice Martin, Dr. Warren H. Zick, and Mr. William Stone.

Elected as Alternate Delegates were Mr. Kenneth Marston, Mr. Robert McWilliams, Mrs. Eleanor McWilliams, Mr. William Slagle, Mrs. Sarah Slagle, Mr. Doug Webb, Mrs. Sheila Webb, and Mrs. G. Darlene Zick.

These same delegates will represent Appomattox County Republicans at the Fifth District Republican Convention to be held on Sunday, May 23, 1982, at the King of the Sea Restaurant, Danville, Virginia. Mr. Paul Trible, Candidate for the United States Senate from Virginia, will be the main speaker.

An informal monthly meeting of Appomattox County Republicans will be held every second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Farmers National Bank, commending on May 11, 1982. All interested supporters are invited to attend.

Clowdis honored

William Glenwood Clowdis, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Clowdis, Sr., Glen-Dale Farms, Red House, Virginia, has been awarded a Freshman Honor Scholarship for the 1982-83 session at Lynchburg College in Virginia. The award is based on outstanding academic record and recommendations from High School.

The Scholarship which carries a stipend of $750.00 is renewable each year that William is a full-time undergraduate stude n t. Renewability is subject to continued commendab l e academic performance.

Clowdis is currently a senior at William Campbell High school.

An obsession

The Obsession of the welfare state concept

President Reagan said in his State of the Union address on January 26 that the cause of our current problems is the inheritance of decades of tax and tax, spend and spend attitudes and practices.

The wasteful spending has been caused by the obsession of the welfare state concept. The President noted that hundreds of billions are flowing from official coffers to finance food stamps, health care benefits and other so-called entitlement programs.

All responsible persons realize that those who are needy should be supported by taxpayers. Those who have paid the government a great deal of money for many years with understanding that in turn they would receive pensions, deserve their pensions.

Unfortunately, the present "welfare state" goes far beyond those duties. The overtaxed taxpayers revolt against the practice of the concept that the government, society and self-reliant persons owe ablebodied, lazy, and shiftless persons guaranteed income.

Informed persons realize that all kinds of liberals advocate the redistribution of income. Millions of self-reliant persons with very limited incomes have obtained education and sent their children through college with no handouts and no debts. The government does not owe anyone a living. Each person should earn it.

Self-reliant persons should ask the Congress for much deeper spending cuts, especially concerning the "entitlement programs." Only the military budget should be increased.

Taxpayers should like wise support the President's policies to achieve more tax cuts, eliminate unnecessary regulations and simplify costly compliance procedures, and reduce the rate of money growth.

Those members of Congress who oppose the necessary measures of President Reagan should be retired by self-reliant voters in November.

Sincerely,
Dr. Alexander V. Berkis

Martin honored

Airman First Class Jeffrey A. Martin stationed at Pope Air Force Base, N. C. has been named Airman of the Month.

Martin joined the Air Force in December of 1980 and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Martin of Appomattox.

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Plans made for beef festival

The Third Annual Beef Festival sponsored by the Tom Scott Park Association will be held Wednesday, July 21 from 4-8 p.m. at the Tom Scott Park in Amelia.

The park is located one mile east of Amelia C. H. on Route 38. The menu will consist of varieties of beef served with vegetables. In addition to all the food you can eat, there will be live entertainment.

Admission is by ticket only which is priced at $15.00 and will be sold on a first-come first-serve basis while they last.

Tickets may be ordered from Tom Scott Park Association, P. O. Box 494, Amelia, Va. 23002. For more information call 561-2567, 561-2155, 561-2153.

Balloon yields dollar

On April 5 A. E. Hopkinson of Appomattox found a balloon and collected a dollar bill.

The Greenville Daily Sun released 125 helium filled balloons on April 3. Each paper carrier was permitted the launching of one balloon for each new customer secured during the month of March.

"Because you took the time to return the tag on the balloon to the newspaper, it will insure that the carrier whose name is on the back will receive five dollars. I'm sure that this carrier thanks you very much and to show our appreciation, we are enclosing a dollar bill for your trouble," stated a letter from the circulation department of the newspaper.

The letter was dated April 20 and at that time, Hopkinson's returned balloon was from the furthermost point. However, the final results will not be known until May 3.

MHA campaign

During the month of May, the Mental Health Association will be conducting its annual fundraising campaign throughout the state of Virginia.

Chosen to lead bellringer workers in a house-to-house drive in this area are Mrs. Harry Lawson (Appomattox), Mrs. Dolly Sowell (Spout Spring) and Mrs. Daniel Harvey (Evergreen).

The Mental Health Association is the largest citizens' voluntary advocacy organization in the United States. Nationally, 850 chapters and divisions and more than one million volunteers work to achieve the Association's goals of promoting mental helath, preventing mental illness and improving care and treatment of mentally ill and emotionally disturbed children and adults.

Trail value cited

Last July there was an article in Boys Life about the Appomattox Trail. There in it stated that Boy Scouts from around the state come and hike this trail to earn the BSA historical medal.

How many of the local people know what this trail means to the Scouts? Girl Scout Troop 957 hiked the Appomattox trail last October. The trail starts with a film and a walk around Appomattox village. Then the troop went out on the trail that leads past all historical interest points. There is also a primitive campground that can be used by Scout troops. The troops have to bring their own tents and backpack it to the campground. Troop 957 earned the historical patch that the Girl Scout Council awards when taking this hike.

Any Girl Scout Troop can take this hike by making reservations in advance with Appomattox Court House National Historical Park, Va. 24522. Girl Scout Troop 957 also plans to visit the Booker T. Washington Monument this spring. There the girls will walk around the plantation and learn what life was like for a slave. There is also a test of 50 questions to be taken and a patch can be earned.

Earl Thornton returns

Marine Cpl. Earl W. Thornton, son of Cliff and Mary E. Jenkins of Route 1, Box 106, Appomattox, Va., recently returned from a deployment to Okinawa.

He is a member of 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

While deployed, his battalion participated in amphibious exercises in Thailand, Korea and the Republic of the Philippines. The most extensive exercise was "Valiant Usher" in Rayong, Thailand with the Royal Thai Marines. The battalion spent six months overseas as part of the Marine Corps' unit deployment program. The concept is designed to rotáte whole battalions at a time instead of individuals at separate intervals. In this way, the battalions retain their unit integrity, as well as shorten the actual time they spend overseas.

A 1976 graduate of Appomattox County High School, Thornton joined the Marine Corps in December 1976.

Robert Smith promoted

Marine Pfc. Robert L. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Smith of Route 3, Box 437, Appomattox, Va., has been promoted to his present rank while serving with Wing Engineer Squadron 27, Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, N. C.

A 1977 graduate of Appomattox High School, he joined the Marine Corps in August 1981.

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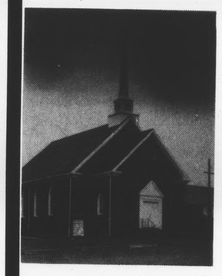

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Local makes good

WILLIS N. FLESHMAN, a member of ACHS Class of "79" is now living in Hollywood, California, where he is currently employed by Sea Fashions, Inc.

Future plans include attending U.S.C. in September to pursue his B.A. degree, and a visit home to Appomattox in early summer.

Recently photographed by Rick Van Dyke (of R.V.D. Studio) here in Los Angeles, Willis is considering a modeling contract with an advertising agency. He's narrowed it down to three, and if decides to pursue this line of work. He will totally commit himself soon.

Congratulations on a positive screen test, and best wishes for a prosperous career, Willis, is the son of Willis and Shelby Fleshman of Oakville.

Oakville Club slates meeting

Mrs. Rebecca Covington will be hostess to the Oakville Extension Homemakers, at her home May 4, 10:00 a.m. Mrs. Shirley Walton will give the demonstration on food preservation. Memb e r s may bring their canner lids to be tested.

Favors for the Spring Area meeting at the 4-H Center, Holiday Lake, May 13, should be brought to this meeting.

Social news

Miss Birdie Harvey entered University of Virginia Hospital in Charlottesville Tuesday. She will undergo eye surgery sometime this week.

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Visiting this past weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Marshall for the wedding of their son David were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jarrell of Hamlin, West Virginia; Mr. and Mrs. Doug Marshall, Rushville, N. Y.; Miss Connie Marshall of New York City; and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Payne of Plainfield, New Jersey.

Class of '72 plans reunion

The 1972 Appomattox County High School graduation class officers would like to remind those wishing to attend the 10th year class reunion that fees must be mailed to Nancy Dawson by May 1.

If any member of this call has not been contacted, please notify one of the class officers.

The reunion will be held at the Falling River Club House on June 12 beginning at seven o'clock in the evening.

Spiggles celebrate anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bolton Spiggle were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary by their children Lloyd R. Spiggle and Mrs. Frances S. Nichols with a reception at their home in Hampton, Va.

The Spiggles were married March 30, 1932 in Rustburg, Va. Mr. Spiggle is retired from J. T. Wharton Contractors Inc. after 24 years. They have 12 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. David Jarrell Marshall

Cobb, Marshall wed

The wedding of Miss Susan Rice Cobb, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Berlie Franklin Cobb of Cullen, to David Jarrell Marshall, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Hunter Marshall of Appomattox, took place in Spring Creek Baptist Church, Darlington Heights, on Saturday, April 24 at seven o'clock in the evening.

The Reverend George Harris, pastor of the church, officiated at the double ring ceremony.

A program of nuptial music was provided by Lisa Bryant, pianist, Jean Cobb and Mike Reeves, soloists.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of organza fashioned with bishop sleeves and high neckline. The gown, accented with Venice and schiffli lace, was designed with a sweeping chapel train.

Her walking length veil fell from a cap embroidered with Venice lace and edged in pearls. She carried a cascading bouquet of daisies and purple pompoms.

Miss Connie Atkins of Lynchburg, cousin of the bride, was maid of honor. She wore a floor length dress of mauve designed with bishop sleeves, accented with Venice lace and wore a cap trimmed in flowers with a side bow. She carried white and purple pompoms and baby's breath.

Bridesmaids were Mrs. Sharon Coleman of Richmond, Jean Cobb of Jarrett, Christy and Tammy Cobb of Cullen, all sisters of the bride. Their dresses were identical to that of the honor attendant and they carried similar bouquets.

Mr. Benjamin Marshall, father of the groom, was best man.

Ushers were Mark Payne of New York, Steve Marshall, Mark Marshall and Tim Marshall, all of Appomattox, and brothers of the groom.

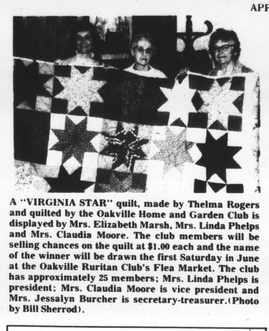
Miss Mary Ann Marshall, niece of the groom was flower girl.

Ring bearer was Jeremiah Coleman, nephew of the bride.

Mrs. Phyllis Atkins of Cullen was mistress of ceremonies.

Immediately following the ceremony, the parents of the bride entertained with a reception in the social hall of the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall will reside in Richmond.



A "VIRGINIA STAR" quilt, made by Thelma Rogers and quilted by the Oakville Home and Garden Club is displayed by Mrs. Elizabeth Marsh, Mrs. Linda Phelps and Mrs. Claudia Moore. The club members will be selling chances on the quilt at $1.00 each and the name of the winner will be drawn the first Saturday in June at the Oakville Ruritan Club's Flea Market. The club has approximately 25 members; Mrs. Linda Phelps is president; Mrs. Claudia Moore is vice president and Mrs. Jessalyn Burcher is secretary-treasurer. (Photo by Bill Sherrod).

UDC conference is held

By Margaret Lee
Appomattox UDC

The Annual Spring Conference for Third District Virginia Division United Daughters of the Confederacy was attended by seven local members of Appomattox Chapter of the U.D.C.

The meeting was held on Saturday, April 24 at 10:00 a.m. at Fort Hill United Methodist Church.

Mrs. O. W. Martin Jr. of Appomattox, chairman of District III, presided at the meeting which included 14 chapters.

Rev. David Drinkard, Associate pastor of the church gave the invocation. Pledge to the United States Flag was led by Mrs. Hunt Meadows.

Salute to the Virginia Flag was led by Mrs. J. E. Zentmeyer of "Mildred Lee" chapter.

Salute to the Confederate Flag was led by Mrs. Hugh Harris of "Kirkwood Otey" chapter.

Following the singing of "Dixie" by the Assembly, Mrs. Robert James, president of the host chapter welcomed the 81 members and guests present.

The response was given by Mrs. Grace Rainey of the "Buckingham" chapter. Mrs. John Wingfield, president of Virginia Division U.D.C. delivered the message.

Other Virginia division officers and committee chairmen also spoke briefly to the group. Past officers of the Virginia Division and past District III chairmen were recognized.

A delicious lunch was served by the women of the church.

The meeting adjourned with the grup singing "Bless Be The Tie."

Party honors couple

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jarrell of Hamlin, West Virginia, honored their grandson, David J. Marshall and Miss Susan Cobb with an after rehearsal party at Spring Creek Baptist Church Friday, April 23.

Attending were members of the wedding party, family and friends and the parents of the couple, Mr. and Mrs. Berlie Cobb of Cullen, Va. and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Marshall of Appomattox.

If You Have Social News
Call 352-8215

Guill to host pageant

Valerie Guill of Appomattox, the 1981 Miss Virginia National Pre-teen, will be official hostess for the 1982 Miss Virginia National Pre-teen Pageant coming up June 19-20 in Richmond at the Airport Holiday Inn. Valerie, now a pageant veteran of one year, will be greeting this year's contestants and assisting them feel at home.

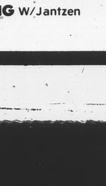
Carter Butler, an outstanding dance instructor from Atlanta, has been named choreographer for the 1982 Miss Virginia National Pre-teen Pageant. He retired from professional dancing last year but during his career, he and his students won over 1,000 trophies. He has been choreographer of the Miss Georgia National Teen-Ager Pageant for the past five years.

The winner of the Miss Virginia National Pre-Teen Pageant, which is open to girls 8 to 12 years old, will receive an expense-paid to Atlanta to take part in the Miss National Pre-Teen Pageant in early November.

In addition to the awards to the state winner, there will be trophies to winners in the sportswear, talent, interview and party dress categories.

A panel of judges will choose the new Miss Virginia National Pre-Teen on the basis of the poise, appearance, talent and personality shown by the contestants.

For additional information on this pageant, contact Mrs. Cass Tome, Director, 1446 High Point Place, NE, Atlanta, Ga. 30306.



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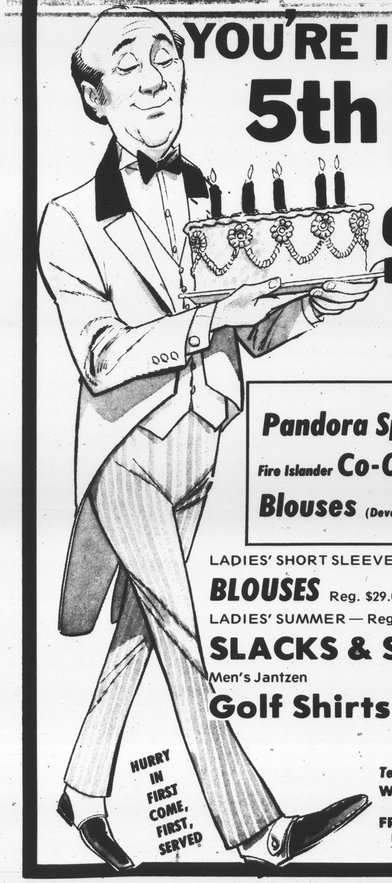

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